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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Homeowners Assistance Program (HAP) -  
Retirements

1. This is a revision of our memorandum of 28 June 1991 concerning the eligibility of military applicants under paragraph "m" of the law when they elect to retire.
2. We argued in a report to Congress in July 1992, that military members who elect to take advantage of the incentive programs, Voluntary Separation Incentive/Special Separation Benefits (VSI/SSB), available for the reduction of the active services, do so under the threat of being forced out with no additional benefits. As such, we consider these retirements to be involuntary because without the threat hanging over them, they would not elect to retire.
3. Accordingly, any otherwise eligible service member who retires due to the force drawdown should be considered eligible under the HAP as being involuntarily retired.
4. Civilian employees and NAFI employees are still covered under the decision of 28 June 1991.

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